Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : Yes, to some extent. That is why, special concessions are being given.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether it is possible to make sufficient quantities of manure available in all the depots of the State ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : Under the rules, subject to conditions regarding denaturing, they could get any amount of salt they require for manure. No maximum has been fixed.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Because stringent measures have been adopted by the Government, the people who go for purchasing manures do not get sufficient quantities.

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan: The rules have to be stringent as the issue is duty free. Otherwise, Government revenue under 'salt' will suffer. It is seen that these rules were framed in 1115. After that, there has been progressive increase in the salt used. In 1117 the amount of salt issued was 28 maunds and in 1118, so far 126 maunds have already been issued.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether it is not feasible to entrust Agricultural Inspectors so that they may ascertain whether the salt issued is being properly used ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : There are certain restrictions imposed after mature consideration. The Agricultural Department authorities countersign the applications for salt and the Excise Department issue the salt after denaturing.

Cartable roads in the Devicolam taluk.

4. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are any cartable roads in the Kanthalloor and Keezhamthoor pakuthies of the Devicolam taluk ; and

(*b*) if so, their length ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : (*a*) None.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Export of tapioca chips.

5. ***Mr. T. Krishna Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have prohibited the export of tapiocca chips ; and

(*b*) if not, the reason therefor ?

Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan (*Food Grains Purchase Officer*) : (*a*) Export without permits has been prohibited.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

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